Formulation of New Water Policy

†1347. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new water policy for the development of water resources in the country;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be declared; and

(c) the priorities fixed by Government for the determination of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The National Water Board has reviewed the existing National Water Policy, 1987 and formulated an updated and revised draft National Water Policy for the development of Water Resources in the country. Some of the important areas/ aspects, proposed for inclusion in the new Policy, are inter-sectoral water allocations particularly for diverse uses of water, inter-State river water disputes, water sharing amongst States, multi-sectoral perspective and participatory approach towards resources planning and management, private sector participation and integration of quantity, quality and environmental aspects in the water resources management, resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons, mandatory operation and maintenance, funding and related policies for revenue generation and reforms related to legislations, institutions, incentives/disincentives, environment and technology, etc. under the Water Resources Sector. Declaration of the new National Water Policy depends on its adoption by the National Water Resources Council.

Clearance to Irrigation Project in Arunachal Pradesh

1348. SHRI NABAM REBIA : Will the Minister of Water Resources be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major and medium irrigation projects of the country particularly in the NER;

(b) the present position of the above projects, State-wise;

(c) whether some projects related to Arunachal Pradesh are pending with Government for clearance; and

(d) by when these are likely to be cleared?

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